# REPORT OF THE AUDIT OF THE ROBERTSON COUNTY SHERIFF

For The Year Ended December 31, 2004



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#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

### AUDIT EXAMINATION OF THE ROBERTSON COUNTY SHERIFF

#### For The Year Ended December 31, 2004

The Auditor of Public Accounts has completed the Robertson County Sheriff's audit for the year ended December 31, 2004. Based upon the audit work performed, the financial statement presents fairly, in all material respects, the revenues, expenditures, and excess fees in conformity with the regulatory basis of accounting.

#### **Financial Condition:**

Excess fees did not change from the prior year. There were \$0 excess fees due as of December 31, 2004. Revenues increased by \$753 from the prior year and expenditures increased by \$753.

#### **Report Comments:**

- The Depository Institution Should Have Provided Sufficient Collateral As Required By The Written Agreement
- The Sheriff's Office Lacks Adequate Segregation Of Duties

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The Honorable Bradley Gifford, Robertson County Judge/Executive Honorable Randy Insko, Robertson County Sheriff Members of the Robertson County Fiscal Court

#### Independent Auditor's Report

We have audited the accompanying statement of revenues, expenditures, and excess fees regulatory basis of the County Sheriff of Robertson County, Kentucky, for the year ended December 31, 2004. This financial statement is the responsibility of the County Sheriff. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on this financial statement based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, and the Audit Guide for County Fee Officials issued by the Auditor of Public Accounts, Commonwealth of Kentucky. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statement is free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statement. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

As described in Note 1, the County Sheriff's office prepares the financial statement on a regulatory basis of accounting that demonstrates compliance with the laws of Kentucky, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In our opinion, the financial statement referred to above presents fairly, in all material respects, the revenues, expenditures, and excess fees of the County Sheriff for the year ended December 31, 2004, in conformity with the regulatory basis of accounting described in Note 1.

In accordance with <u>Government Auditing Standards</u>, we have also issued our report dated December 6, 2005, on our consideration of the County Sheriff's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with <u>Government Auditing</u> Standards and should be considered in assessing the results of our audit.



The Honorable Bradley Gifford, Robertson County Judge/Executive Honorable Randy Insko, Robertson County Sheriff Members of the Robertson County Fiscal Court

Based on the results of our audit, we have presented the accompanying comments and recommendations, included herein, which discusses the following report comments:

- The Depository Institution Should Have Provided Sufficient Collateral As Required By The Written Agreement
- The Sheriff's Office Lacks Adequate Segregation Of Duties

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the County Sheriff and Fiscal Court of Robertson County, Kentucky, and the Commonwealth of Kentucky and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Respectfully submitted,

Crit Luallen

**Auditor of Public Accounts** 

Audit fieldwork completed - December 6, 2005

### ROBERTSON COUNTY RANDY INSKO, COUNTY SHERIFF STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND EXCESS FEES - REGULATORY BASIS

#### For The Year Ended December 31, 2004

#### Revenues

State Fees For Services: Finance and Administration Cabinet		\$ 2,396
Circuit Court Clerk: Sheriff Security Service		1,106
Fiscal Court		29,902
County Clerk - Delinquent Taxes		121
Commission On Taxes Collected		23,022
Fees Collected For Services: Auto Inspections Accident and Police Reports Serving Papers	\$ 5 12 2,700	2,717
Other: Miscellaneous Tax Refund-State	\$ 1 315	316
Total Revenues		\$ 59,580

#### ROBERTSON COUNTY

#### RANDY INSKO, COUNTY SHERIFF

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND EXCESS FEES - REGULATORY BASIS For The Year Ended December 31, 2004 (Continued)

#### **Expenditures**

Contracted Services- Advertising		\$ 110
Materials and Supplies Office Materials and Supplies Uniforms	\$ 1,629 514	2,143
Auto Expense- Gasoline		1,125
Other Charges- Conventions and Travel		528
Total Expenditures		\$ 3,906
Net Revenues Less: Statutory Maximum		\$ 55,674 55,674
Excess Fees Due to Fiscal Court For 2004		\$ 0

#### ROBERTSON COUNTY RANDY INSKO, COUNTY SHERIFF NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENT

December 31, 2004

#### Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

#### A. Fund Accounting

A fee official uses a fund to report on the results of operations. A fund is a separate accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts. Fund accounting is designed to demonstrate legal compliance and to aid financial management by segregating transactions related to certain government functions or activities.

A fee official uses a fund for fees to account for activities for which the government desires periodic determination of the excess of revenues over expenditures to facilitate management control, accountability, and compliance with laws.

#### B. Basis of Accounting

KRS 64.820 directs the fiscal court to collect any amount, including excess fees, due from the County Sheriff as determined by the audit. KRS 134.310 requires the County Sheriff to settle excess fees with the fiscal court at the time he files his final settlement with the fiscal court.

The financial statement has been prepared on a regulatory basis of accounting, which demonstrates compliance with the laws of Kentucky and is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Under this regulatory basis of accounting revenues and expenditures are generally recognized when cash is received or disbursed with the exception of accrual of the following items (not all-inclusive) at December 31 that may be included in the excess fees calculation:

- Interest receivable
- Collection on accounts due from others for 2004 services
- Reimbursements for 2004 activities
- Tax commissions due from December tax collections
- Payments due other governmental entities for payroll
- Payments due vendors for goods or services provided in 2004

The measurement focus of a fee official is upon excess fees. Remittance of excess fees is due to the County Treasurer in the subsequent year.

#### C. Cash and Investments

At the direction of the fiscal court, KRS 66.480 authorizes the County Sheriff's office to invest in the following, including but not limited to, obligations of the United States and of its agencies and instrumentalities, obligations and contracts for future delivery or purchase of obligations backed by the full faith and credit of the United States, obligations of any corporation of the United States government, bonds or certificates of indebtedness of this state, and certificates of deposit issued by or other interest-bearing accounts of any bank or savings and loan institution which are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) or which are collateralized, to the extent uninsured, by any obligation permitted by KRS 41.240(4).

ROBERTSON COUNTY RANDY INSKO, COUNTY SHERIFF NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENT December 31, 2004 (Continued)

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

#### D. Fee Pooling

The Robertson County Fiscal Court approved a fee pooling system for the Robertson County Sheriff. Under the fee pooling system, revenues net of direct expenses of the County Sheriff's Office are paid to the Robertson County Treasurer in the subsequent month. Therefore, the County pays almost all of the expenses of the Robertson County Sheriff's Office.

#### Note 2. Employee Retirement System

The county officials and employees have elected to participate in the County Employees Retirement System (CERS), pursuant to KRS 78.530 administered by the Board of Trustees of the Kentucky Retirement Systems. This is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan that covers all eligible full-time employees and provides for retirement, disability, and death benefits to plan members.

Benefit contributions and provisions are established by statute. Nonhazardous covered employees are required to contribute 5.0 percent of their salary to the plan. The county's contribution rate for nonhazardous employees was 7.34 percent for the first six months and 8.48 percent for the last six months of the year.

Benefits fully vest on reaching five years of service for nonhazardous employees. Aspects of benefits for nonhazardous employees include retirement after 27 years of service or age 65.

Historical trend information pertaining to CERS' progress in accumulating sufficient assets to pay benefits when due is presented in the Kentucky Retirement Systems' annual financial report which is a matter of public record. This report may be obtained by writing the Kentucky Retirement Systems, 1260 Louisville Road, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601-6124, or by telephone at (502) 564-4646.

#### Note 3. Deposits

In order to be valid against the FDIC in the event of failure or insolvency of the depository institution, this pledge or provision of collateral should be evidenced by an agreement between the Sheriff and the depository institution, signed by both parties, that is (a) in writing, (b) approved by the board of directors of the depository institution or its loan committee, which approval must be reflected in the minutes of the board or committee, and (c) an official record of the depository institution. The Sheriff entered into a written agreement with the depository institution and met requirements (a), (b), and (c) stated above. However, as of November 15, 2004 collateral and FDIC insurance together did not equal or exceed the amount on deposit, leaving \$156,115 of public funds uninsured and unsecured.

ROBERTSON COUNTY RANDY INSKO, COUNTY SHERIFF NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENT December 31, 2004 (Continued)

#### Note 3. Deposits (Continued)

The county official's deposits are categorized below to give an indication of the level of risk assumed by the county official as of November 15, 2004.

	Bar	nk Balance
FDIC insured	\$	100,000
Uncollateralized and uninsured		156,115
Total	\$	256,115





#### ROBERTSON COUNTY RANDY INSKO, COUNTY SHERIFF COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

For The Year Ended December 31, 2004

#### INTERNAL CONTROL - REPORTABLE CONDITION AND MATERIAL WEAKNESS:

The Sheriff's Office Lacks Adequate Segregation Of Duties

We conclude that the internal control structure lacks a proper segregation of duties. There is a limited staff size, which prevents adequate division of responsibilities. The County Sheriff has statutory authority to assume the role as custodian of monetary assets, as well as recorder of transactions and preparer of financial statements. The Sheriff is the only employee of the Sheriff's Office. Moreover, having only one person solely responsible for these duties compromises the internal control structure of the Sheriff's Office. Also, by having only one individual who is responsible for all duties increases the risk that misstatements or errors may occur and not be detected in a timely manner. A periodic review should be coordinated by the Judge/Executive and the County Finance Officer to reduce the degree of risk which results from inadequate segregation of duties. Once completed, an official independent of the Sheriff should review bank reconciliations.

Sheriff's Response: No other employees in office.

#### STATE LAWS AND REGULATIONS:

The Depository Institution Should Have Provided Sufficient Collateral As Required By The Written Agreement

As of November 15, 2004, \$156,115 of the Sheriff's deposits of public funds were uninsured and unsecured. Upon confirmation of pledged securities, the depository institution did not provide any pledges to the Sheriff's Office. The account was periodically monitored during each month, and at the end of each month by the depository institution. As of November 15, 2004, the balances did exceed the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) insurance amount. However, prior to Integra Bank being able to pledge collateral to the accounts, the balances fell below the FDIC insurance amount on November 18, 2004. According to KRS 66.480(1)(d) and KRS 41.240(4), the depository institution should pledge or provide sufficient collateral which, together with FDIC insurance, equals or exceeds the amount of public funds on deposit at all times. We recommend that the depository institution pledge or provide collateral in an amount sufficient to secure deposits of public funds at all times.

Sheriff's Response: I followed the instructions of the bank but they failed to hold up their obligation.

#### PRIOR YEAR:

The Sheriff's Office Lacks Adequate Segregation Of Duties



REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS



The Honorable Bradley Gifford, Robertson County Judge/Executive Honorable Randy Insko, Robertson County Sheriff Members of the Robertson County Fiscal Court

> Report On Internal Control Over Financial Reporting And On Compliance And Other Matters Based On An Audit Of The Financial Statement Performed In Accordance With Government Auditing Standards

We have audited the statement of revenues, expenditures, and excess fees - regulatory basis of the Robertson County Sheriff for the year ended December 31, 2004, and have issued our report thereon dated December 6, 2005. The County Sheriff's financial statement is prepared in accordance with a basis of accounting other than generally accepted accounting principles. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in <u>Government Auditing Standards</u> issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

#### Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the Robertson County Sheriff's internal control over financial reporting in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statement and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting. However, we noted a certain matter involving the internal control over financial reporting and its operation that we consider to be a reportable condition. Reportable conditions involve matters coming to our attention relating to significant deficiencies in the design or operation of the internal control over financial reporting that, in our judgment, could adversely affect the entity's ability to record, process, summarize, and report financial data consistent with the assertions of management in the financial statement. The reportable condition is described in the accompanying comments and recommendations.

#### • The Sheriff's Office Lacks Adequate Segregation Of Duties

A material weakness is a reportable condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that misstatements caused by error or fraud in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statement being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. Our consideration of the internal control over financial reporting would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control that might be reportable conditions and, accordingly, would not necessarily disclose all reportable conditions that are also considered to be material weaknesses. However, we believe the reportable condition described above is a material weakness.



Report On Internal Control Over Financial Reporting And On Compliance And Other Matters Based On An Audit Of The Financial Statement Performed In Accordance With Government Auditing Standards (Continued)

#### **Compliance And Other Matters**

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Robertson County Sheriff's financial statement for the year ended December 31, 2004, is free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed an instance of noncompliance or other matter that is required to be reported under Government Auditing Standards and which is described in the accompanying comments and recommendations.

• The Depository Institution Should Have Provided Sufficient Collateral As Required By The Written Agreement

This report is intended solely for the information and use of management and the Kentucky Governor's Office for Local Development, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Respectfully submitted,

Crit Luallen

**Auditor of Public Accounts** 

Audit fieldwork completed - December 6, 2005